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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Find Heaven In Your Own Heart and Share It With Others

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The strangest thing is revealed in the story of the coming of *The Christ.* Many centuries looked down upon us in which men forgot or failed to understand his purpose. But the light is breaking through in places and now we know that He came that *His* joy might be complete in us. The Christ religion is coming back after being hid for nearly twenty centuries by the sad theology of *Saint Paul.*

Christ's religion is joy — why, the very opening passages regarding this tremendous event give proof of this.

Now when *Jesus* was born in *Bethlehem* of *Judea* in the days of *Herod* the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to *Jerusalem.*

Peace On Earth!

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, *they rejoiced with exceeding joy — they understood in advance, as a result of spiritual illumination, the message of gladness* the Savior was to bring to the sons and daughters of men.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over the flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the *Lord* came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid.

And the angels said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you *good tidings of great joy,* which shall be to all people.

It was then that the multitude of the heavenly host sang praises to God, saying, *Glory to God* in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Will Love Envelop the World?

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, hearts singing with joy, for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

What were all the things that were told them? Did they not learn that Christmas joy had come to save the world? That wondrous light runs through all Sacred Writ from its first chapter when they looked on the young child in the manger until the climax at resurrection and ascension.

Disciples took up that *Torch of Joy* and marched down the centuries with it achieving miracles. God lives in us without limit and in this life there is joy and in that joy there is power which if used would transform the world. Think what the harvest would be if each of the sons and daughters of the generation spread joy for which *Christ* came to be fulfilled in us!

Peace would come out of war and out of poverty and rags there would be riches and there would be so great a love that it would envelop the world if each man and woman made it his or her destiny to take joy out of his or her own heart and give it unto others.

Panacea For World Woes

Life is sustained joy and nothing else, and there is no great mystery. *"I am the Way and the Life"* simply means increasing joy. What is prayer itself if not increasing and consecrated joy? Or, as Emerson expressed it, the soliloquy of a jubilant soul?

True prayer from the scientific and spiritual viewpoint is joyous expectancy that the prayer is answered . . . Sing praises to *God* when you pray and the answer will come back to you on angels' wings.

Twenty centuries ago there was *Bethlehem,* a *Manger,* the *Christ Child,* a *Star* in the *Sky,* three wise men, a glorious light enveloping the mother earth and hosts of angels singing, *"Peace on earth, good will to men."*

Sons and daughters of men may cry peace, as the centuries look down upon us, but there is no peace. Our hearts yearn for riches or independence, for love and for companionship, but the gospel of peace and love is not very widely distributed.

Unity of joy is the panacea for world woes and it is the answer

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To ALL of Our Readers

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Editors of Psychic Observer

NOTED AUTHOR ATTENDS

Christmas Party FOR Spirit Children

THE MEDIUM
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A most interesting psychic experience of mine was a Christmas party given to a group of spirit-children, which I think perhaps deserves a more detailed description, as few people outside those experienced in psychic work would realize that such a thing is possible.

This happened in Christmas week 1943. We had subscribed for a *Christmas Tree* and hung it with such gifts that, in spite of war restrictions, we could manage to collect, decorated it with scraps of colored paper, tinsel, ribbons, anything gay and colorful we could get, and set it upright within a large tub filled with bits of coal—mainly slack, as it was impossible to get hold of any earth, and it was a heavy tree, about five feet high and not too well-balanced.

Real Joy For Children

We sang carols in honor of the day, and began (as far as I can remember) with *"Onward Christian Soldiers"*—it is important to sing something with a catchy, swinging rhythm, which is why ordinary hymns are rarely used in Circle work, as their tunes are too lugubrious and long-drawn out, so do not provide the brisk, speedy vibrations necessary to work up the psychic power.

But two or three Christmas hymns *do* possess such vibrations, and before we had been singing more than a moment or two, a child's voice piped up from the darkness, in a matter of seconds other small voices joined in, and the party was in full swing!

We could hear the rustling of the branches as small unseen hands pulled the toys off the tree, hear the joyous cries of triumph, the talk, the eager questions, the boasting as the children compared notes—the Guide had told us it was a party of little *East Enders* who had died in the blitzing, and certainly the voices talking, in a variety of rich cockney accents, bore out his statement!

What the Children Do

"A real tank . . . Whoopee!" shouted a small boy, and one of the wooden tanks that we had placed at the foot of the tree came trundling recklessly across the floor of the room, right across one of the sitter's toes, and in answer to his yell of pain a cheerful voice shouted *"Sorry, mister—didn't see yeh!"*

We heard the clinking of beads as small girls tried them on, the squawk of a talking doll or teddy-bear as spirit fingers pressed their

Spirit Children Celebrated Yuletide under this beautiful Christmas Tree

The picture above, taken several years ago, shows the final setting for a Christmas Party, specially arranged by Helen Harmon, Buffalo, N. Y., for the enjoyment of Spirit Children. During the seance held at the time, numerous childish voices were heard through the trance and independent voice mediumship of Augusta Finger.

From all over the country, reports have been received during the past years -- describing seances held especially for Spirit Children. Margery Lawrence's article, on this page, vividly portrays a similar seance held in London, Christmas 1943. Will you arrange a party this Christmas? The best results are obtained through a trance or direct-voice medium.

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springs, the air was full of the blow of whistles, the clamor of rattles, cymbals, drums and the jingling of bells, accompanied by the constant babble of jubilant childish voices . . . then suddenly in the darkness sweets were thrust into our mouths from some of the packets on the tree, sometimes with their paper covers removed, sometimes without, but always with unerring aim.

The man next to me suddenly called out *"Susie, let my hair alone, will you?"* (Susie is a small girl-spirit who has attached herself to Red Eagle as semi-pet, semi-messenger; a cockney flower-seller's child with a huge sense of humor) and I felt myself being wound up in string, ribbon or something, though in the darkness I could not see what on earth it was . . . in other words, as we sat there motionless in our circle in the dark we were surrounded by the pandemonium and excitement of a real children's party on earth . . . *only the children taking part in it were no longer on earth!*

Childish Pranks

Yet they were romping and playing with the toys we had collected for them just as gaily as when they were alive. And when at last *Red Eagle* intervened and said it was time for the party to close down, several of the children were *"brought to the mike"* as it were, and thanked us shyly, stumblingly or boisterously, according to their temperament, led by *Susie,* who apparently was more or less managing the whole thing!

Then away they went, clutching the spirit counterparts of the toys with which they had been playing, and leaving behind a wrecked room and a circle of sitters exhausted with laughter and looking more like gargoyles than anything else!

Everybody's hand was linked to that of his neighbor all the way through the seance, but still the most fantastic tricks had been played with all of us.

The man next to me, who had protested that *Susie* was pulling his hair, was decorated with paper flowers, stuck in every buttonhole and his hair (which he wore rather long) had been twisted upwards into positive spirals and roped with tinsel!

Physical Manifestations

I was tied securely to the medium, right across the circle, in a sort of involved *"cats cradle"* of scarlet string, so thickly that we had to be *"unlaced"* before either of us could leave our chairs.

Another man had pieces of chocolate paper stuck all over his face, and his coat on inside out—though how it had got so he could not possibly tell—two other sitters had their pockets and the fronts of their coats or blouses stuffed with oddments . . . and in the middle of the circle the tree had been hauled out of its tub and was lying flat on its side, *yet there was not a morsel of the loose slack in which it had been rooted lying on the floor.*

Moreover, within the circle, somehow carried in over the

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CONCLUDING ARTICLE

Materialized Spirit Plays the Piano

THE HARWOOD SEANCES

By

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(Continued from Dec. 10th)

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The afternoon, following our first and second seances, *Mr. and Mrs. George Diehl* of Fort Wayne, Indiana, unexpectedly, came to visit Mrs. Harwood. Mr. Diehl attended her very first public materialization seance and since he had heard so much of the *Helen Miller* demonstrations, had a great desire to witness one of these particular seances.

Inasmuch as he had regularly attended Harwood seances for ten years, Dr. Miller knew Mr. Diehl would make an extremely good sitter, consequently he and his wife were included in our third sitting.

That "Holier-than-thou" Attitude

There is one point I desire to lay particular stress on and that is the very *naturalness* of spirit people. It is difficult for some people, as a matter of fact, I might say most people, to conceive of the idea that those who have passed through the change called death remain more or less *human* and have the same loves the same desires and the same interests they fostered while living in this physical vibration.

However, such is the case, and so in this particular seance of which I am about to tell you, I will speak of it as being a continuation of *Helen Miller's* party.

If one expects to go into the seance room and have successful demonstrations, I can certainly advise against the long-faced, "holier-than-thou attitude" usually indulged in by most people when discussing God or Church or even *thinking* about angels.

"Children, Have You Any Meat?"

I find it gloriously refreshing to discover that the *"after-life"* is merely an extension of this one . . . with larger opportunities for the expansion of consciousness and development of the inherent spiritual qualities that each and every one of us possess, whether we are in the body or out of the body.

Evidently, this same law has always been the law—*simple—human* — of love extending beyond the grave because, if we will refresh our memories on the Biblical records, we will remember that when *Jesus* returned he was concerned about the welfare of his beloved disciples.

You will recall also that when *He* appeared on the shore and said *"Children, have you any meat,"* they answered, *"No."* Furthermore, we also know *He* then showed them how to cast their nets and following *His* directions they returned in very short time with quantities of fish.

Spirits Are "Human"

In the meantime, *Jesus* built a fire of coals upon which *He* cooked the fish. *"As soon then as they came to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread."* (Acts, I-21-9).

Sometimes, unless we have had experience in the seance room, we fail to recognize and know that these laws govern life in the spirit *now*—just the same as they did in the Biblical days.

Few people are aware of the fact that these happenings, recorded in the Bible, were just as human and natural as are the occurrences in present day seance rooms.

We all know that the recorded episode about the fish took place after the crucifixion, and that the materialized spirit of Jesus came back and cooked the fish and prepared the food for His beloved disciples.

There are quite a few people who consider the naturalness and humanness expressed by spirits in the seance room as being only activities associated with the *"lower astral plane"* and that seance room phenomena is not on a *"high plane."*

What St. Clair Stobart Said

I vehemently challenge this theory . . . on the basis that *Jesus* was one of the, if not the greatest leader of all times. Then too, *He* deemed it righteous to appear in a life-like manner to *His* disciples and continued *His* interest in their material welfare as evidenced by the inquiry about the food. Indeed, so great was *His* interest, that *He* came back and participated in the homely task of cooking fish for the disciples.

Now, this is as *Mrs. M. A. St. Clair Stobart* would say, *"fact or fiction,"* and since I am fairly well acquainted with psychic phenomena as demonstrated in seance rooms, I can accept this record as so.

Now, to return to *Helen Miller's* party, I shall not relate all of the incidents that took place at the meeting. As a matter of fact, many of the same spirits came again and considerable phenomena like that presented in the two previous seances were repeated.

42 *Forms Appear*

Helen Miller very graciously played several pieces on the piano for us so Mr. Diehl might witness the demonstration. Again *Grandfather Miller* played a waltz while his two grandchildren, *Frank* and *Helen*, danced lightly and gaily about the room. One interesting note was that the boy was dressed in a white tuxedo, very much like the young boys use nowadays for formal summertime wear.

According to my notes, 42 spirit people manifested in this particular seance. It would probably be well for me to give a few explanations as to why the conditions were so favorable. Not always is it possible for so many spirits to appear, nor is it always my lot to see such astounding phenomena.

Experienced Sitters

First, we must remember that *Dr. Miller* had had years and years of experience. He sat for materialization back in *Kansas City* with the famous medium, *Wm. Aber*. Mr. Pressing and I have sat in hundreds of seances for materialization and direct-voice. Over a period of ten years, Mr. Diehl sat regularly with *Fanchion Harwood*.

From observation, I am inclined to believe that experienced sitters build up a certain amount of psychic power within themselves. This apparent concentration of force, coupled with the fact that their own spirit loved ones have had the opportunity to come through mediums and manifest here on the physical plane, seems to eliminate that barrier of apprehensiveness and timidity. At any rate, the spirit of nervousness is completely lacking on the part of the sitters and as far as the spirit people are concerned, I believe they become acquainted with the technique.

Physical Phenomena of The Bible

It is not unlike, well for instance, if you had never played the piano before, you could execute a piece . . . at least you could pick it out. And then, if unhampered, you could familiarize yourself with the lay of the keys and the touch After a while you would find it unnecessary to go so slow and thus you would be less timid and awkward. So it is when a spirit attempts to manipulate this ectoplasmic or psychic power which is necessary for a manifestation of the spirit on this side of life.

Have you ever wondered who was the medium in the case of the materialization and other appearances of *Jesus?* Have you ever tried to figure out what medium or mediums made possible the psychic phenomena recorded in the Bible?

When Jesus Appeared

It would seem to me that all of the disciples were psychic and were, therefore, chosen for their particular work. They were, no doubt, chosen because they were able, for the most part, to do the same type of work as did *Jesus*.

Consequently when *Jesus* made *His* appearances, after the crucifixion, *He* could have drawn *His* psychic power from *His* disciples.

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The First Christmas Morning

Received Inspirationally by

W. ADAIR ROBERTS

In the days of old, the *Wise Men* from the *East* did see a star which, following, they themselves did come upon a newness of life and greatness of purpose which before had not been their portion.

The star which they followed led them to humble surroundings where in a meagre home was laid a Babe—the smallest manifestation of God's human creation—*Man.*

Picture to thyself the *Magi* in all their wealth of learning and of power and of earthly goods, yet casting themselves in reverence and worship at the feet of the Babe.

To *Him* they brought of their treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh, which were but outward symbols of the inner mystery of sacrifice and sacrament to the *Babe* Who was the *Saviour* of the World, and teacher come down to earth.

The *Magi* do but represent in our own lives the wisdom and the truth and the love with which we are each begifted.

Truth Is Frankincense

Following a star, which is the inward light of our souls, we reach the *Divine Babe*—nameless travelers from unknown lands; yet as we cast ourselves at the feet of the *Divine Life*, in humility and praise, we rise again, no longer nameless travelers, but *Magi*, known as *Wisdom, Love* and *Truth.*

The gold is *Wisdom*, and the wisdom *Gold*. Guard it from tarnish and alloy or its name will change and its gift bring destruction in place of creative beauty.

Truth is frankincense, a fragrant offering which in its burning rises in a sweet column to the heavens, attended the while by angels of purity.

The myrrh is *Love;* the bitter transmuted to sweetness, the grief to joy.

Touched by the *Babe*, the *Magus of Love* goes forth on his homeward journey, and the stones and the thorns of the *Path* which were encountered anon, no longer appear, neither for his own going, nor in the path of these whom he meets by the way.

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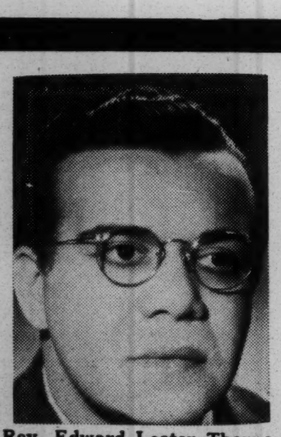

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From the quaint old town of *Ephrata*, Pa., the *Mountain Springs Hotel*, high on the side of a hill, looked as good to my family and me as it probably had to *President Lincoln* when he stayed there; particularly after our long trip up from *Florida*.

Waiting to greet us were a number of old friends and my cousin, *Art*, whom many hold in awe and know only as the *Rev. Arthur Ford*. However, the renowned protege of *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle* who has received acclaim both here and abroad, as well as beng recognized as the key figure in the *Houdini* debate, is just plain *Art* to us.

Spiritualism was nothing new to us that particular Sunday morning of our arrival. My grandmother and her grandmother before her were mediums. My mother is also psychic, but further proof of survival was presented daily by the splendid workers at Camp Silver Belle, among them, Mary *Fulton*, H. Gordon *Burroughs*, Ray *Burns*, Elizabeth *Fabian*, John *Reese*, Emma *Munch*, Bertha *Eckroad*, and Ethel *Post-Parrish*, noted materialization medium.

Superb Mediumship

Many of the ministers were unknown to us, and it was at the suggestion of *Mildred Thompson*, a frequent Camp Silver Belle visitor, that we attend a seance conducted by the *Rev. M. McBride Panton*, Pastor of the *Albertson Memorial Church* in Stamford, Connecticut.

Following an excellent lecture by *Mary Fulton*, someone in the audience was asked to blindfold *Rev. Panton*, who was to read the ballots while in trance. I anxiously volunteered. After thoroughly examining and knotting the heavy black cloth around the medium's head, I practically broke his neck

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while assuring myself that it was utterly impossible for him to see the bits of white paper, which had been collected and deposited on the small platform table AFTER Mrs. Fulton's lecture; thus eliminating trickery of any sort.

Lydia EMERY

Relaxing in the straight chair, *Rev. Panton's* head slowly met the table, as if in deep slumber. A few minutes later, *Pedro*, one of his teachers, came through with a number of amusing and outstanding messages, including one for my mother, *Maude M. Winter*, who had signed only her initials. However, *Pedro*, called my mother by name while delivering the message which concerned her property.

Conclusive Evidence

Now, a few persons present did know of my mother's property, but they did not know that particular question would be asked, nor could the medium see the question, therefore, the answer was most evidential.

Other equally good messages were received by a *Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosenberg* of Miami Beach, Fla. I happened to be seated next to the couple when Pedro encouraged a secret business venture about to be undertaken by Mr. Rosenberg and extended greetings to his wife from her dead nephew, assuring her that he was standing straight and tall beside her.

Mrs. Rosenberg's nephew, a former invalid, had never before contacted her. As a matter of fact, it was the couple's first visit to any Spiritualist camp.

Desiring further communication with this jovial entity, my mother and I arranged for another seance with the Stamford medium, at which time I again heavily bandaged his eyes.

Messages Promptly Placed

Ten minutes later, facts which could not be denied were being told us in broken English by the incomparable *Pedro*.

As is so often the case with anyone who plays or has played in motion pictures, I have been the recipient of several various names in the past few years. As *Judith Lord*, I chanced to meet the late *Harlean Carpenter*, who was known to screen audiences as the platinum blonde *Jean Harlow*.

Through *McBride Panton's* mediumship, this spirit, who was a firm believer in Spiritualism, was able to contact me with her familiar greeting of *"Hello Judy!"*

This message alone was well worth the drive to *Ephrata*. No one at *Camp Silver Belle*, not even my own cousin, knew of my having used the name of *Judith Lord* over ten years ago.

A point to dispute the mind reading angle was a name over which *Pedro* hesitated. *"It resembles an Indian name,"* he grinned, pursing his lips. *"It sounds like White-Head. Isn't that n-i-c-e?"*

It was indeed nice, because the name, although not of Indian origin, was *Whitehead*. Our spirit friend on the other side was the late *Oscar (Billy) Barnett*, brother-in-law of *Mayor C. Frank Whitehead* of Jacksonville, Florida who was sending love to his wife, *Estelle Whitehead Barnett*, and sister-in-law, *Mayme Whitehead Williams*, both of whom the medium had absolutely no knowledge.

No Guess-work

And give Billy's love to Mother Whitehead," Pedro concluded. *"He wants to send love to Mama."*

This term of endearment I confirmed after my return to Florida. At the seance my mother and I were both unaware that Mr Barnett had always addressed Mrs. Whitehead as "Mama." Mind reading was therefore impossible.

Another extremely interesting meeting was with *Edith Green*, pastor of the *Allen Memorial Church*, Detroit, Michigan. Following several rounds of messages, the Detroit Minister mentioned the name of Emery. I, naturally, raised my hand, and, much to my amazement, two other audience participants followed suit.

"I am speaking for a Worthy Emery," the medium continued.

"He is my grandfather," I replied.

"Do either of you know a Worthy Emery?" Mrs. Green asked the other two women. Both gave affirmative answers, adding to the confusion of the triangle.

"Who is Kit?" she asked.

"I am she," I said quickly.

"Good," she smiled, *"because a Joseph and Verna Guilfoyle are here."*

"They are for me," one of the other women spoke up.

"They were also friends of mine," I added.

"Well, Verna is calling for *Lydia,"* Mrs. Green said slowly, striving to unravel the mixup.

"I am Lydia," I laughed.

"I thought you were Kit?" she queried, looking at me with a glint of something akin to doubt in her eyes.

"I am both," I assured her, Kit being my family's pet name for me.

"Then, Verna is calling to you and to Maude She wants you to know that she is all right now, and to thank you for the many kind things which you did for her. She says that she often knocked on your door early in the morning and late at night, and that you will understand that message."

Seek and Ye . . .

It was a simple greeting, but to us it presented a wealth of tangible evidence and proof of life after death. *Joseph and Verna Guilfoyle* had been our friends in Hollywood, California, Mr. Guilfoyle having been on *Arthur Ford's* board of directors at his psychic research center in Los Angeles.

After my cousin's return to the East, *Joseph Guilfoyle* died, his wife, *Verna*, following him in death only two weeks later . . . and by her own hand.

However, during those weeks, *Mrs. Guilfoyle* often went to our apartment to commit the act, which she later accomplished.

No one at *Camp Silver Belle* knew of *Verna Guilfoyle's* strange behavior. Until we met *Edith Green*, no other medium had ever been able to contact her.

There were many outstanding phases of mediumship displayed at *Camp Silver Belle*, spirit photography, direct-voice seances, billet reading, clairaudience and clairvoyance materialization by *Ethel Post-Parrish*, all too numerous to mention within one article.

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Psychic Observer

Ethel Post-Parrish, one of America's most versatile mediums (i.e.) Materialization, Etherealization, Levitation, Direct-Voice, Independent Voice, Trance and Mental Mediumship. She is secretary of Camp Silver Belle and founder of the Spiritualist Church of The Beloved, 2806 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida, where the sixth annual season opened December 1st.

The church's new building will be dedicated January 5th, 1947 by Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, Washington, D. C., trustee for the National Spiritualist Association and co-director of Camp Silver Belle. Alexander F. Jenkins, writer and lecturer, Baltimore, Maryland, will also take part in the dedication ceremony.

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Labor Day brought to a close a wonderful season at the *Mountain Springs Hotel*, a season filled with gaiety and triumph. A banquet, with several hundred guests in attendance, was held on August 31st, honoring *Ethel Post-Parrish* and *Lena Barnes Jefts*, whose untiring efforts to free *Camp Silver Belle* from debt after fourteen *years had at last been rewarded.*

Rev. Post-Parrish Honored

Thunderous applause rang throughout the taper-lighted diningroom and the assembly arose as one when *Mrs. Post-Parish* was introduced by the Master of Ceremonies, Hugh Gordon Burroughs; a truly heartwarming tribute to a great lady.

Spirit communication was not the only topic of interest to be found at Silver Belle. On Sunday, Sept. 1st, a wedding took place in the chapel, followed by a brilliant reception with all the trimmings, including a wedding cake.

On Monday, Labor Day, the burning of the Camp Silver Belle mortgage was the highlight of the day. On Monday evening at ten o'clock, the flag was lowered in a final impressive ceremony. The guests scattered about on the terraced lawns, the lights from the distant towns below seeming to blend into the Galaxy of overhead stars, made one rejoice to be a part of that haven of *Spiritual* **Guidance, which was** *Camp Silver Belle*

Whether one brands us as crackpots or is well versed in the intricities of Spiritualism, the results of psychic research remain unaltered. As Smollett said: *"Facts Are Stubborn Things!"*

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Christmas is one of the greatest Festivals of the Church. It commemorates the birth of Christ in Bethlehem according to the church. It brings forth in symbolism, the greatest of all events in man's life, the birth of Christ within us, that we are really one in Christ. Remember how it is written in Scripture, "*Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"

It is precisely the presence of that Christ Principle within us that brings the hope of glory in every human soul. Without that we indeed should be lost, that is the true Christ, belief in whom is necessary for salvation—not salvation from a mythical hell, but from the wheel of ever recurring birth and death. The way of escape lies in the development.

The Spirit of Christmas

It is on this day that men dream of "*Peace on earth and goodwill toward men.*" On this day of days in the year, men and women try to put aside their rivalries and jealousies, enmities and strife, so as to come a little nearer to each other. An attempt is made more strongly than usual for people to greet each other with the Spirit of Christmas. In fact so great is that Spirit that it is possible to see friends in larger number today than on other days.

Perhaps the keynote underlying the festival is the discovery of friends everywhere. Why can the *Christian*, if he enters into the *Spirit of Christmas*, find a greater joy in secular life today? Because of the power of *Christ* which abides with him.

Men are this *Christmas Day* a little nearer to the *Christ* because they have put aside the sordid ideal of strife, of gain, and are dreaming a great dream of peace on earth. They are nearer to *Him*, because they are making a special effort this day. He is ever near them, but they erect barriers between *Him* and themselves on ordinary days, by their attitude of suspicion and hostility. But today there is an attempt to put aside that attitude and because of that effort *Christ* is nearer.

The Real Purpose

On this day thousands, in fact millions, are thinking of doing the same thing. There is a mass effort which makes it easier for each individual to swing along with the current towards good.

All that makes the gladness of *Christmas* is the gift of *Christ* to the individual. His coming was in order that men might have that life which exists in such splendor in *Him*. He came to show us what we might become. In order that we may know what we are in our inmost essence, He came and lived among men. He came and moved among us, all the time showing us what a perfect life could be.

He came, as says *St. Paul* again and again, to tell us that the *Spirit of Christ* is in us all. *St. Paul, His* great disciple, toiled in the ancient lands of the Mediterranean, trying to make the Christ be "*born*" in his hearers, not merely to convert them in Christianity. He aimed to bring about a greater and profounder change; and so He says, "*My little children of whom I travail in birth till Christ be born in you.*"

That is the great mystery of the *Christian* religion, that *Christ* should be born in each one of us, for when *He* is so born, then we are able to understand the spiritual life, not one of travail, but one of strenuous but joyous effort. The aim of the *Christian* then is so to help his fellow-men that Christ shall be born in every one that lives.

THIS IS THE GREAT MYSTERY IN EVERY RELIGION, FOR CHRIST IS WORKING THROUGH ALL THE OTHER RELIGIONS ALSO. HE SAID "OTHER SHEEP I HAVE NOT OF THIS FOLD." IN OTHER RELIGIONS, THE SAME MYSTERY IS TAKING PLACE, ENABLING THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST IN EACH INDIVIDUAL.

"Though Christ a thousand times
in Bethlehem born,
But not within Thyself, thy soul
shall be forlorn."

It is this glorious event symbolically portrayed through the birth of child *Christ* in the manger (in the heart of man) at the ripened time for each man, that saves the man, saves humanity.

It is this attribute that *Christ* manifests as the *Saviour* of man and of humanity not collectively, or through the propitiatory *Death of Christ*, but separately and individually as each man makes himself eligible for this great event through unfoldment and purification, from vices and sin.

All great festivals have many aspects, one of the greatest of aspects in *Christmas* season, is that it constitutes a special channel of Force, occasion upon which a greater outpouring of divine power takes place, greater than in ordinary times.

The "WHY" of Christmas

It does not by any means indicate any limitation of *God's Omnipotence*. For *God, Himself*, works by means and takes advantage of opportunities; and this wondrous creation of *His* is so utterly one in *Him*, so mystically inter-related that as the stars move through their courses, there are certain times when certain energies are more readily available than at others—when the bridges are clear, the channels are open; and *Christmas* is such a time.

These special occasions, these

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heads of the sitters, were lying two large and heavy chairs normally kept against the wall of the seance room, *outside* the circle. Chairs that, ordinarily speaking, would take two men each to lift.

When we took our places in the circle these two chairs were, as usual, standing outside the circle with their backs against the wall. At the end they were *inside—but nobody had quitted his or her chair for one moment during the sitting!*

A clever subterfuge for the impression of the sitters; But even if all this could possibly have been man-made, which I deny, to what end. The medium stood to gain nothing by staging so elaborate a "*performance*" as all the sitters were old friends already "*converted*' so to speak.

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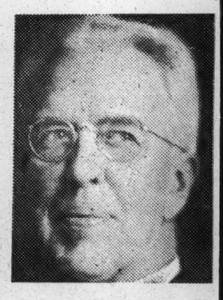

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Find Heaven In Your Heart

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to the age-old yearning. Men cry peace, when there is no peace, believing that if there were universal peace men would be happy. They devise ways for security and independence, socializing and changing, that the sons and daughters of the earth may find joy. But isn't this seeking after the "other things" when we first need the Kingdom of Joy?

Christ's message can be made very practicable.

The Power of Joy

My friend, a great psychologist told me the story of how joy unlocks prison doors. A young man whose reputation had been ruined at his home and in a wide circle in his state because of repeated misdeeds had reformed and wanted to live a successful and happy life, but he had done too much and everything was against him, friends and even relatives shunning him and enemies hounding him. He was granted an interview with the psychologist. His face was haggard and drawn; lines of suffering of subconscious memories were there.

"*Oh! If I could only wipe out the past and get a new chance!*" he cried.

The great psychologist looked into that face of agony.

"*Suppose that it is possible for me to wave a magic wand and wipe from your memory and the memories of others all the wrong you have done,*" he said kindly. "*How would you act? How would you feel and act?*"

Christ . . . Prophet of Joy

The young man whose past pursued him heaved a great sigh, his chest came up, his face flashed with the power of joy.

"*Why,*" he exulted, "*I would sing and dance and shout for joy.*"

"*Then do not wait for a change in the attitudes of all who hate you at home and in your state. Go back home and sing and shout for joy every moment of the day and it will wipe out all memories of the past. The cause of all the resentment against you is not so much as to what you did in the past as to what you are doing now. Your joy will change the past. Take joy with you and all will be forgiven and forgotten.*"

The young man went back home with the joy *Jesus* brought into the world as a solvent for all sorrow and a solution of all problems, and he lived down his past: he became a successful business man, married, reared a fine family and finally became a leader in his state.

Christ was not a man of sorrow but a prophet of joy. It is the strangest thing, this philosophy, because it is so simple and yet so true. Find heaven in your own heart and share it with others and tell those who freely receive that they must freely give. Do this and love and life and beauty will encircle the earth. *For heaven is not a state of goodness but of angels singing and shouting tidings of great joy.*

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Reva Confer

Early in life, he becomes acquainted with his spirit guides and learns to call on them for help in *God's* name and by *God's* will. He also learns that troubles and temptations are sent to him, not as punishment, but as so many golden steps that when surmounted raises his soul to the *Heavens* on wings of glory. He comes to know, in fact, that *there is no Death* and that the grave has no victory.

He is overjoyed, *not afraid*, when his loved ones return to him, bringing their love and their joy in being lovingly accepted by those still in material existence. Their stories of the glorious love and service, both spiritual and material, strike all fear of death from the heart of the young member of the *spiritualist church.*

Real Meaning of Service

He not only learns the real meaning of love and service; but he is also an acting member of his congregation. He not only sings, smiles and sends out love but he also receives messages from his spirit loved ones. He not only learns and acts upon spiritual laws but he also unfolds his own soul and often develops his own mediumship so that he transmits messages of love and understanding from those in spirit to those in the material.

Truly he is taken into the heart of his congregation and taught how to live, not only in the "*here*" but in the "*hereafter.*"

His own importance is not subjugated by his juvenility—for did not Jesus, Our Saviour, teach us: "*Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven*"?

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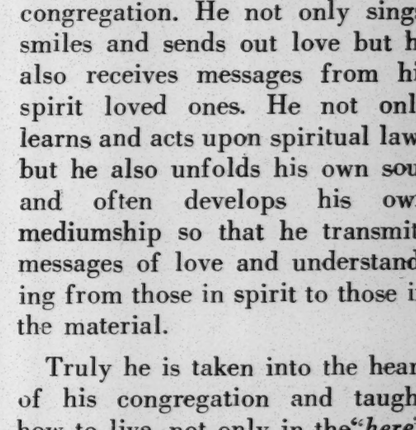

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"One thing I know—that, whereas I was blind . . . now I can see . . . . ."

It has been said that one person in thirteen has mediumistic potentialities—but that only one in thirteen hundred has the gift of psychic healing and the driving out of negative entities.

Although two thousand years ago a *Man of Nazareth* demonstrated the power of healing distressed bodies and possessed minds . . . and although many lesser psychics since that time have helped the sick and freed the possessed—science today still refuses to officially give psychic healers recognition.

But thousands of people who have been healed and adjusted where doctors and psychiatrists have failed—bare radiant testimony to the *"laying on of hands"* and the treatment of spirit physicians through mortal mediums.

The Proper Technique

High on the scroll of *"spiritualistic materia medica,"* is the name of medium *Josephine Rossi,* psychic adjuster and healer located at 153 West 57th Street, New York City. Many prominent people know her as one of New York's portrait photographers. But many more know her as a mortal *"White Sister of Healing"* who through her spirit doctors, relieves physical distress and psychic ailments. And it is *Josephine Rossi* who claims that many mental cases in institutions today, are victims of negative entities which with the proper technique, *can be driven out.*

As a child in New York City, Josephine was a healer. She herself was never stricken, although at one time, five people in her family lay ill with influenza, and Josephine sat by their beds until they were well. And from childhood her *"laying on of hands"* has been a combination of faith and spirit radiation.

Case-Histories of Healing

Then she became a commercial photographer, specializing in portraits. She later married and traveled around the world. After a few happy years of married life, her husband was taken from her by accident. As the years passed she became *"wedded"* to her gift of healing, until today her studio has become a haven of healing, and her heart is filled with joy in seeing the ill and the *"possessed"* made well.

Her case-histories of psychic adjustments are dramatic. Many times, patients on their first visit, unfold psychic powers. It is not strange for a person the first time confronting *Miss Rossi,* to be entranced, and to awaken entirely cured of a possession or obsession; the negative entities having been eliminated by *Miss Rossi's* spirit helpers.

An "Astral Dream"

There is the case history of *Mr. Z. W.,* a middle aged business man who had been suffering a *"nervous disorder"* until his medical doctor suggested a mental institution. His mind took on amnesia and he disappeared from home for several days. His first recollection after leaving home was a sort of a dream in which a woman helped him home. He came out of his amnesia on the front steps of his house and was put to bed by his wife.

Later his wife suggested a call on *Miss Rossi;* and when he saw her he recognized the woman of his *"astral dream"*. It was then that *Josephine Rossi* plainly saw an entity actually hovering about the shoulders of the man. In the light of a blue lamp, *Miss Rossi* became entranced, bringing through a spirit who explained the husband's condition and what was to be done about it.

Josephine ROSSI

No sooner has *Miss Rossi* been released from her trance, than the husband became entranced himself, allowing his own father to come through and speak to the wife, stating that the negative force had been removed and that her husband was a good medium and henceforth would be under constructive spirit guidance. In a very short time, that man was showing the gift of automatic writing in his own father's hand. His *"nervous disorder"* was a thing of the past. His clairvoyance has been growing stronger every day.

Such psychic adjustments sometimes occur through *Miss Rossi.* And there was the case of *J. R.,* a chemist. *Miss Rossi* could see a strange form above him. She asked him to come to her healing class. But fate had willed otherwise, for shortly afterwards he appeared to *Miss Rossi* in spirit and she was not aware of the fact that he had passed away suddenly.

Psychic Infirmary

With joy he told her that he was free at last and had no more pain and asked her to forgive him. His parting words were: *"I am going to ask your husband helper if I can also aid in this wonderful work."* And he became another volunteer among the spirit missionaries who take charge at all of Miss Rossi's seances and who assist the many spirit doctors.

Your reporter saw *Miss Rossi* work one evening in her psychic infirmary where patients were sitting in chairs a d several lying on cots. There were no drugs, no manipulations nor electric appliances—only the medicine of faith and spirit-help working through the vibrations of love and the ectoplasmic frequency of the God-loving medium.

Psychic Photography

A little boy of five looked up from his cot and smiled. He knew in his own way of faith, that he was being healed and that in time he would be well again, so that he too could *"pick up his bed and walk."*

"Can Miss Rossi actually help people suffering from disease and mental disorders?" Ask patients of *Josephine Rossi.* Strange how even medical doctors when confronted with facts, admit *"miracle,"* but remain discreetly silent. And when interviewed, will confess: *"Maybe a mistake WAS made in the diagnosis."*

In addition to her healing work, *Miss Rossi's* psychic photographs are something rarely seen, for she has occasionally been able to tap into frequencies of the astral plane, which through her particular vibration can be recorded on *infra-red* film. She has been urged to tell of this side of her work, and is now preparing a book which will be called *"Atomic and Cosmic Phenomena Through Infra-Red Photography."*

Mental Adjustments

One of her most outstanding photographs is that showing *Astral Flames* with spirit entities seeking form and expression. It is believed that this carries an explanation of the so-called *Hell Fire of the Bible;* not flames of heat that burn—but flames of low frequencies which cannot reach into the higher vibrations of spirit happiness.

But *Miss Rossi* is predominately a healer. *That,* is her life. She is constantly caring for individuals who need psychic healing and mental adjustment. Many ailments today are mistaken for organic disorders, when in reality they are maladjustments of auras and spirit controls. For where there is true psychic harmony, there can be no unhealthy discord.

Just as *Spiritualism* has proved that there is no death — so can spirit truth prove to the world that there need be no illness. *Miss Josephine Rossi* has dedicated her life to such a cause. May her plans for her *Psychic Sanitarium* soon materialize. *Spirit marches on!*

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CHRISTMAS SERMON

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great festivals, are not mere commemorations; they indicate definite actions on the part of the *Living Christ* who is head of *His Church.* All men are linked to *Him* through the most holy sacrament of *His* love; so they are always to some extent under *His* influence. He has ordained certain methods for the pouring down of His influence upon *His Church* and *His* people.

There is definitely a greater, a more universally assimilable outpouring on such days as *Christmas, Easter, The Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday;* each of these has its own special character. Such a day as this great day of *Christmas* is a real opportunity for each one of us, for there is a stronger and more definite outflow of divine power then, just because the whole world is more prepared to receive it.

It is Our Fault

On the higher level, the divine force is ever streaming forth and doing its appointed work; when men are to an unusual degree ready to take advantage of it it becomes worthwhile, to transmute a large amount of this force that it may be applicable to the lower level.

So once more the initiative is left with us; when we provide the conditions through enthusiasm, love and devotion, advantage is at once taken of them. The sun is always shining, but He is not always visible to us on earth, because earth made clouds get in the way and shut him out. Just so the *Divine Christ* is always pouring forth, but we sometimes make our own clouds which get in the way and prevent that divine power from influencing our lives for a time.

That is not the fault of *The Christ* but our own. And so in *His* loving kindness, because there are so many of *His* people who are not yet able to touch these higher planes, far above all earthly clouds, where the sunlight of *His* presence is always vivid, He has arranged times when it shall be easier for men to draw closer to *Him.* We are all close to *Him* always, but, still we feel it more at certain times than at others.

Christmas' Real Meaning

This *Christmas Day, Christ's* life pervades the earth in greater measure, because man's heart is more open to *His* influence. But what a wonder it would be if every day could be a *Christmas day.* Into our secular duties let us bring the spirit of *Christ.* And why not? *Christ* came — not that *His* spirit pervade the earth in one day, but that it might pervade it every day in the year, and not in one particular place—a church, but that *His* spirit might pervade everywhere, in the home, in the office, in the school, in the market, in the judgment hall.

If every day in the year is to be a *Christmas* day, there must be a training of character so that you may find *Christ,* in everything and in all. He must be made a living fact of daily life. But to find the *Christ* in all men requires patience, self-sacrifices and perfect sympathy with all men. You must so broaden your minds, open your hearts, that men enter therein. You must receive them not with criticism, but with undersanding and warm sympahy that means a training of the mind.

To understand people, their opportunities, their failures, demanding of them nothing, but understanding all and giving your strength to all. But even that hard work is not so difficult, if only you would recognize the wonderful truth, which *He* came to proclaim, that *He* is the life of all men. The real *Christian* then must seek the *Christ* in all, and find the *Christ* each day, and so make the days of the year all *Christmas* days. You must attempt each day through your actions, to evoke in another more of the spirit of the Master.

The *Christ* sees the *Christ* everywhere, and for that *He* has established this feast of *Christmas.* He gives *His* life in an unusual manner this day in order that this day might be a pattern for all days in the year.

So let *Christmas* enter into your hearts and into your souls and let us try, everyone of us, to feel then what the Angels sang long ago. First, *"Glory to God in the Highest,"* and then no less, *"Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men."*

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. (Luke ii, 15-16.)

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VOUCHES FOR THE MEDIUMSHIP OF

Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler

The Testimony of

J. GILBERT WRIGHT

By The Editor

During the past year, numerous articles have been received, all attesting to the test-proof seances held by the noted materialization medium, *Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler*, Miami, Florida.

One article describes a materialization seance held in New York City; another a similar seance held in Shelton, Connecticut and the third a written report by J. Gilbert Wright wherein he tells of a seance he attended at Margaret Lewis' home in Albany.

The first article, written by *Ed Bodin*, gives details and facts of a Candler seance held at the *Pent House* apartment of *Pearl Long Roberts*, 60 Wall St., N.Y.C. last September.

Pierce's Testimony

The second article, written by *Rev. Carl Horton Pierce*, relates details of Rev. Candler's demonstration of materialization, sponsored by *Jeannette B. Thompson* and her sister *Mrs. Sue Brewster*, whose home, *"Happy Huntng Grounds"* is situated in the hills, outside Shelton, Connecticut, overlooking the historic, Housatanic River.

Inasmuch as the publication of the first two articles would be a repetition, varying only in detail, it follows that the best procedure is to give space to the third, owing to the fact that it was written by a man who does not class himself as a Spiritualist but has earned the reputation of being one of the most sincere psychic researchers of this decade.

During the life of *Psychic Observer*, completing ten years next August, 1947, *J. Gilbert Wright* has contributed numerous articles, the last published several years ago. His association with seance room phenomena has been strictly as an observer, not too critical but always thorough . . . priding himself upon his honest and fearless presentation of facts and conclusions as he finds and sees them.

Fearless Advocate

It is difficult, sometimes, to obtain written statements from men of this caliber, not so much because they do not believe or because they doubt the phenomena but more because they are slow to have the world know that they, hard-boiled scientists and research chemists, have succumbed to an unpopular truth.

J. Gilbert Wright is an exception to the rule and to prove that he is a man of firm convictions and indifferent to those who may assail his findings, he has recently submitted to this office for publication, the following letter:

Dear Mr. Pressing,

I have a letter from *Bertie Lily Candler* in which she asks me if I would be so good as to testify to the genuineness of her mediumship as the result of a test granted me at a recent sitting. I take pleasure in doing so.

The meeting was to have been held in the Church of the *Rev. Margaret Lewis* at 92, North Pearl Street, Albany, N. Y. but owing to the intense heat, the group repaired to the home of Mrs. Lewis at 55 State Road, Hampton Manor, Rensselaer, N. Y. Here we found preparations being made to improvise a seance room out of the garage. Some members of my group, newcomers and skeptics, assisted in these preparations.

The floor of the garage was concrete; hence no cellar. The folding doors were closed and hooked but not locked—a favorable point as we shall see later. Pieces of cloth were tacked over the seams to prevent the admission of light and black cotton curtains were strung across from the farthest section of the door to remote wall, thus forming a triangular cabinet.

To open the garage doors would have required the co-operation of the medium as the doors opened outwards and they were hooked on the inside. Besides, had the doors been opened, not only would a blaze of light have entered but the whole improvized cabinet would have been torn down!

The cabinet curtains were, as I say, of black cotton and as transparent as cheese cloth. Standing within the cabinet one could see clearly thru every inch of the surface into the room There were no pockets. Even a postage stamp would have been visible.

The medium was undressed to her panties by a committee of women and having no dressing gown of her own, was given one belonging to Mrs. Lewis.

This is not a full account of the seance which presented many veridical elements such as a little girl of three materializing well out into the room and who talked familiarly with her grandfather. There were other indications of varying heights in the materialized forms, as I verified by having them stand alongside me, shoulder to shoulder.

I was called to the cabinet by little *Silver Leaf*, the medium's guide. The curtains parted and out stepped a spirit claiming to be my wife She gave her name, *'Mary'* correctly and was of the right height. She said. *"Gilbert, I want to give you a test. Open the curtains, get into the cabinet and verify that the medium is still there."* I did so. I could feel her and see the shadow of a leg.

What happened next the medium does not know and will not know until she sees the following in print. I gave her a good slap on the shoulder to see if she were truly in trance. The flesh was no more responsive than a sack of flour! All this time the spirit was visibly between me and the medium.

Now, being a believer in the reality of the phenomena, I am often accused of lying in the medium's interest. This time I was determined that this should not happen, so I publicly announced that I wished to have my statement verified. The Rev. Margaret Lewis sat next to the cabinet.

Next to her was *Guy E. Buck*, a skeptical engineer. He leaned forward past Mrs. Lewis and declared that he could feel the medium. By these means he not only supported my statement that the medium was still in the cabinet but he assured himself and the rest of the group that Mrs. Lewis had not taken the medium's place and thus allowed her to masquerade as the spirit of my wife. While feeling the medium, he further declared that he could still see the spirit.

Yours sincerely,

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J. Gilbert Wright, one of the leading psychic researchers in this country during the past ten years, has witnessed various phases of physical phenomena through many of the leading American mediums. He realizes that most of the outstanding mediums are to be found in the ranks of Spiritualism and can very rarely be contacted through the so-called psychic research societies.

RARE PHENOMENA

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In the case of *His* appearance at the *Tomb* . . . when *Mary Magdelene* thought *He* was the gardener, isn't it quite possible that she was the medium for *His* appearance.

In this seance with the Diehls, *George Cutter*, a mental medium who was known to thousands throughout the United States especially in the East, manifested in a very natural and evidential manner *Mr. Cutter* requested that we publish in PSYCHIC OBSERVER the story of his return. He was pleased to be recognized and said that his interest and love is still with his many friends in the earth life.

His special message: *"Continue to do the very best you can in your daily life. Think good thoughts. Do good deeds. Ask God to send His Ministering Angels to care for you. In so doing you grow strong spiritually. When you come to this side, you will find it easy to orient yourselves and you can continue to progress, if you have learned the laws of the spirit and have applied them whilst you are still in the physical realm."*

Truth Based on Fact

In Spiritualism, we are in a position to answer Job's question *"If A Man Die, Shall He Live Again."* Man only "dies" in the material. Man lives in the spirit, and can *under the proper psychic conditions*, return and prove his identity.

'Tis true that we know little of the nature of spirit. We live in a world of mysteries—the mystery of being, of birth, growth and death.

We live in the mystery of hidden forces and laws some of which, by familiarity, have ceased to make us wonder, but which are none the less mysteries.

Reasoning man should not shrink from the investigation of whatever relates to his present and future welfare. It is only good judgment and common sense for us to find out something about the future welfare and make preparations for that long journey, which all people make. Jesus' appearance after his death provided facts.

Be Kind and Considerate

It was these facts that gave the mighty message of truth to the world . . . the truth—*"There Is No Death."*

Had *Jesus* never returned after the crucifixion there would never have been *Christianity* with its gospel news of immortality.

Some people think that *Spiritualists* are not *Christians*, but we feel we are demonstrating the same truths that are recorded in the Bible and that we, during materialization seances. are having resurrections upon which *Christianity* was based.

In these seance rooms, thousands of people are coming back to prove not only their immortality but also to bring their love to those who are upon earth. They do express interest in our material welfare, but at the same time their concern is to tell us how to prepare for our future welfare and how to live our present life.

The spirits, at least those with whom I have talked, unanimously agree on what we should do to insure happiness both here and hereafter. In brief it is: *"Be kind and considerate to all people. Recognize your own divinity and endeavor to cultivate your higher self."*

In other words, live in accordance with the highest dictates of your own conscience and by so doing you will also be living in accordance with the *Golden Rule*: *"LOVE ONE ANOTHER."*

YOU and YOUR Possibilities

By EDWARD A. LOHMAN
St. Petersburg, Florida

What wonders does Truth work: no matter where we touch it or how we find it, the same power and same results are ever produced. Not only the benefits we derive in the manifestation and realization of material success and happiness, but the far grander benefits of peace of mind and the awakening of the great within.

To the mind that knows of the inexhaustible resources within, there is no lack. That life is full which realizes its relationship, its oneness, with the ever-present, all-embracing life energy and life substance of the universe.

Soul's Possibilities

Personally, I admit but one thing, *"I and the universal spiritual substance are one."* Nothing can stand between me and the *allness* of life—for life is all there is. Life is now, this moment, surging through every atom of itself, everywhere.

Nothing can escape its influence; it affects us all in every part of our being, as well as our affairs. It is the only power that can and does correct all wrongs, heals every human ill, quiets every troubled heart.

Life is supreme because it is the highest and only concept we have of God and man. Therefore, there is nothing the human race needs more than this concept or consciousness of life.

The terrible tragedy of life, as it is being lived today by so many, is that they presume *"today we live, tomorrow we* die"; what a deception, what an illusion.

If men and women only knew that soul cannot die, how differently they would live. We are not culprits in the grave yard of death, we are scholars in the school of life. *"I came, that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly."*

May you and your loved ones feel the presence of this abundant life to lead you into a still larger consciousness and realization of its unfailing power in relationship to the unfoldment of the most wonderful possibilities of the soul, which you are.

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What Is Mind?

The salvation of humanity as a whole today depends upon the creation of moral discipline in the physical, emotional and mental natures, or bodies of the individual, everywhere in the world.

By John H. Manas, PhD.
President, Pythagorean Society

One of the most controversial, least known and most misunderstood subjects today is that of "*Mind.*" *Webster* defines mind as; "*The intellectual or rational faculty in man, consciousness, intelligence, memory, soul.*"

This is not exactly true. In the *Greek* language, for mind we have the noun "*d i a n o i a*" and the verb "*d i a n o u m a i.*" Both are composite words from the preposition "*d i a,*" which means through, by way of, by means of, and "*n o u s,*" which is the thinking agent, or that which thinks in man, the human soul.

Therefore, "*dianoia*" for mind in the Greek language means the substance or the instrument through which the soul of man functions in thinking.

This etymological fact brings us to the acceptance, too, that *God*, the *Macrocosm*, also is of the same dual principle.

Greek Explanation

Everywhere in Nature, in the heavens, on earth, in all physical forms and material substances, one sees two outstanding things, matter and motion. The latter is the phenomenon of an invisible force acting upon visible substance.

Since this phenomenon is universal, in all heavenly bodies and in the atoms of all substances on earth, we come to the logical conclusion that this force is Universal, permeating all things and all beings in Nature. This invisible Universal force we call the *Spirit of God*, which, by acting upon *Cosmic Matter*, brings forth creation.

In the same way the human soul as a spark of Divinity, an invisible force, acts upon its four physical bodies, physical, etheric, emotional and mental. This explanation agrees with the *Greek* definition of mind as being a material substance through which the soul of man functions.

All persons who have evolved to the stage of being conscious of the independence of their soul from the shackles and the influence of their physical bodies can understand how the soul works through this finest material body in man, his mind.

What Is Thought

Man receives impressions from the outside world through his five senses. These impressions are nothing else than vibrations reaching the mind through the brain cells. These mental vibrations and images the soul perceives according to its development and forms respective conclusions through its faculty of reasoning. It works like the movies. The man in the theater sees a series of luminous pictures on the screen. The soul of man sees similar pictures on the screen of its mind.

When man thinks, the opposite operation takes place. His soul, the thinker in him, creates its own pictures on his mind, or his mental canvas. As the painter paints, using paint, brush and canvas, what he sees outside, or what he sees inside in his mind, in the same way, the soul uses the faculties of imagination and visualization and projects on its mental body, as on a screen, the creation of its consciousness.

Function of the Soul

The product of this function of the human soul projected and taking form in its mental body, we call through and the operation by the soul we call thinking.

The faculty of the soul that compares several, various mental pictures and seeks a harmonious relationship between them to its inner satisfaction, we call reasoning. The painter who can paint the clearest and the most vivid picture with such an arrangement of the objects involved as to cause a pleasing feeling in the spectator, is considered the best painter.

In exactly the same way, the soul that can imagine and create in the human mind (mental body) the clearest and most vivid mental picture with the most harmonious relationship to the human desires, motives, emotions and objects, is considered the best thinker.

We, therefore, can see that thinking depends upon the development of the consciousness of the human soul, the training of the mental body and the thought materials available to the soul and its ability to imagine, to visualize and correctly to compare among several, various mental pictures, or thoughts.

How Habits Are Formed

Each physical body has its own properties. The main characteristic of the mind is to invigorate, to make grow through its vibrations any mental picture received on its fertile soil from without, from objects, from books and so forth, and from the thoughts of other men, intentionally or unintentionally.

If the soul allows any thought to possess or to attach itself to its mental body, these thoughts, especially evil thoughts, will begin to grow to such proportions that the human soul gradually grows accustomed to expressing itself through these mental avenues and through these deep grooves in the brain cells and it will lose its control over the material mind. In this way, all bad habits, with all their sad consequences, are formed in man.

Evil thoughts are like weeds, or tares that our enemy sows in our field when we are asleep. The fact of this mental law proves beyond any doubt, that bad books and shows depicting murder and crime can cause destructive habits to be created in the minds of weak souls, or the souls who are taken unaware by the incoming bad mental image.

Thus, these mental weeds find a way to take root and grow in the mental body, or mind of a person.

On the contrary, beautiful surroundings, exquisite pictures, moral shows, good books and fine, harmonious music, certainly are the moulders of the minds of persons for real progress, peace and happiness.

This was the reason for the many beautiful temples, statues, stadia, public dances, all kinds of games and festivals held regularly by all the people of the community in all cities and villages of ancient *Greece.*

Peace and Happiness

From the above facts explaining mental laws in operation, one can clearly see the reason for our present day chaos, inharmony, wars, unhappiness, sickness, poverty and all kinds of trouble in which humanity is found and is suffering today.

No man-made law or any human power can win over the tremendous soul force of the individual who was brought up or has allowed himself to acquire bad mental, emotional and physical habits. The nature of the human soul is continuous activity. This action is directed and expressed in society in good or bad deeds, according to the habits existing in its members.

The salvation of humanity as a whole today depends upon the creation of moral discipline in the physical, emotional and mental natures, or bodies of the individual, everywhere in the world. This is the only way out of the national, racial, social, economic and religious chaos that exists in the world today.

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